

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCIES-FEVER

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Fever is defined as a core (rectal) temperature of 101.3 F [38 C] or greater.

Basic Life Support

1. Maintain Airway- be ready for seizures. If seizure activity is noted refer to Pediatric Emergencies – Seizures Protocol section 1103.

A. Oxygen 1-6 LPM via nasal cannula or 10-15 LPM via non-rebreather mask per patient's needs, consider blow by technique.

2. Check temperature. If core temperature is > 103.0 F

1. Passive cooling – remove excessive clothing.

2. Active cooling – wet towel with tepid water and apply to trunk and head.

3. Do not submerge in water, or use ice or rubbing alcohol.

Advanced Life Support

1. Consider IV Normal Saline or LR KVO.

2. Monitor vital signs, EKG, and Pulse Ox.

3. Transport

4. Contact MCP for further orders, if needed.

Key Points/Considerations

If signs and symptoms suggest epiglottitis, DO NOT AGITATE PATIENT. Treat per appropriate protocol.

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